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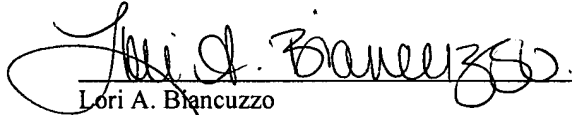
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**PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97**

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case.

No fee or certification is required.

**PART II: Information Cited**

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application:

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed search report issued in corresponding PCT Application PCT/US03/26979, filed August 26, 2003.

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

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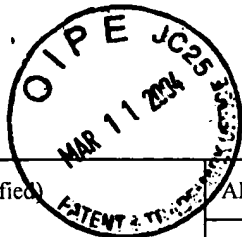
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		6,629,546*	B2	Eidsmore, et al.	10/07/2003
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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		EP	0169963	A1		02/05/1986	
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		WO	0116512	A1		03/08/2001	

**OTHER ART — NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

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		International Search Report from International Patent Application No. PCT/US03/26979, filed August 26, 2003.	

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